

GRAND CANYON INN & NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS,
BUNK HOUSE

HABS No. AZ-144-F

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Grand Canyon
Coconino County
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Location: National Park Administrative Area, Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim, Coconino County, Arizona

UTM Reference: 12/403050/4008525

Date of Construction: 1931

Present Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior

Present Occupant: National Park Service

Present Use: Living quarters

Significance: This building is one of the most highly stylized "rustic" buildings in the headquarters complex, and which has been only slightly altered.

Prepared By: John P. White

Project Information: Project prepared in 1982 under the direction of the National Park Service, Western Region, Marjorie Baer, historian. The team comprised project supervisor John P. White (Associate Professor of Architecture, Texas Tech University), architects Linda Kay Heinrich and Paula Beth Miller (Virginia Tech), and student architect Deborah Rehn Hurst (Washington University, St. Louis). Richard Frear was photographer.

I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Merit and Interest: This building, in the same character as its neighboring buildings, forms a harmonious part of the headquarters complex.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: This one-story, one-bay front, rectangular building is approximately thirty feet by fifty feet.
2. Foundation: Stone.
3. Wall construction, finish, color: The lower portion of the walls has clapboard siding, approximately three feet in height, slightly splayed outward, with a water table at the top. The upper portion of the walls is board and batten, wooden siding with a board at the eave level on the gable ends. All walls are painted brown.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame.
5. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc: There is a porch in the center on each end. The porch on the north end is wooden, with a simple wooden railing on each side and wooden steps. The porch on the south end is stone with a wooden floor on top of the stone, and four stone steps. There is a shed roof over each porch with heavy timber knee braces and covered with corrugated sheet metal.
6. Chimneys: There are two large stone chimneys projecting through the roof, one on each side of the ridge near the north end.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The entrance doorways are in the center of the north and south facades. The wooden door on the north façade has three horizontal panels below a single glass panel. There is a wooden-framed screen door. The door on the south façade has a large plywood panel fastened across the lower two-thirds of the door with a glass panel above. There is an exterior door on the west façade, at the north corner, leading into the mechanical room. This wooden door has three

horizontal panels above a single panel in the top. The top panel is plywood. Doors have wooden sills and thresholds. Surrounds and doors are painted medium green.

b. Windows and shutters: Wooden windows have six-light casement and four-light hopper sashes. The casement sashes are double, and the hopper sashes are triple. There is a wooden louver in the south gable end. Sashes and trim are painted medium green.

8. Roof

a. Shapes, covering: Gable roof with corrugated sheet metal covering.

b. Cornice, eaves: Open eaves.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: The entrances on each end lead into a center hall, which extends through the building. On the east side there is a bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, and on the west side there are three bedrooms and a furnace room. Each bedroom and the kitchen have a double window on the exterior wall. The bathroom has a triple window on the east wall.

2. Flooring: All floors are covered with linoleum.

3. Walls and ceiling finish: Gypsum board walls and ceilings, painted ivory with a dark brown painted wainscot in the hallway.

4. Doorways and doors: Wooden doors have a single panel and wooden surrounds.

5. Mechanical equipment:

a. Heating: Oil-fired furnace with forced air.

b. Plumbing: Modern plumbing fixtures.

c. Lighting: Modern fluorescent lighting fixtures.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The bunk house sits among ponderosa pine, aspen and fir trees in the National Park Headquarters area. To the south of it there are several private residences. There is a recreational area to the west and north. It primarily faces in a southerly direction, and there is a graveled road along the south and east sides.

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